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RUSSIA
CONVERGE
OF ABYSSFrightened People Fear the
"White Terror."WITTE UNDER
HEAVY GUARDGovernors Are Given
Dictatorial Powers.GOVERNMENT PREPARES FOR
A LAST DESPERATE EFFORTProletariat Issues Manifesto Which
Indicates Another Deadly
Struggle Will Begin.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—A shudder of horror has convulsed Russia. The government claims it has only given battle to the "red" revolutionists, but the populace generally believes that the "white terror" has returned. Already the leaders of the proletariat agitation who escaped capture Saturday night at the economic society and even more of the rank of Professor Mulekoff are in hiding from the police, who are hunting them down. The government evidently anticipates a battle royal and has made its dispositions accordingly. It fully understands that the proletariat will give blow for blow in answer to wholesale arrests.

The workmen's council and the league of leagues Saturday night issued a declaration of a general strike to begin immediately and consequently this morning all the governors general, governors and prefects throughout the empire who are cut off by telegraph are clothed with almost dictatorial powers, being authorized without consulting St. Petersburg to declare a state of siege and if necessary even martial law. As most of the provincial authorities are reactionary officials of the old regime, the advantage they will take of such power to terrorize the populace can be easily imagined, they being in a position to become petty tyrants and wage war, each in his own particular fashion, against the revolutionists.

The Novoye Vremya was the only paper, with the exception of the Official Messenger, to appear today and in the center of the first page is a half column of blank paper, showing where the censor has forbidden an article. The Novoye Vremya, which was published under the protection of the police and Cossacks. The Slovo and Novoye, two other papers, have not been suspended publication, were unable to appear, as the printers walked out in obedience to orders from the council of workmen, because these papers refused to print the manifesto of the proletariat organization.

Although practically all the ring-leaders of the proletariat organization were arrested Saturday night, the resuscitation of the council of workmen was proved by the fact that in less than an hour, a new council, the head of which is M. Lenient, the editor of "New Life," had replaced the old and elected officers. The editors of the newspapers suspended for publishing the proletariat organization's manifesto, including the famous M. Hosen of the Pravda, were, with the single exception of Prof. Mulekoff, who managed to evade arrest, taken into custody. M. Souvorin, editor of the Russ, furnished \$5,000 bail and was released.

In addition to the general strike it is understood the revolutionists will have access to the old methods of fighting the government. It is stated that the terrorist organization held a meeting in the early hours of this morning.

Witte's Life in Danger.

Count Witte's life is considered to be in danger, and the annex of the palace, where he is residing, is heavily guarded.

The most significant news comes from Tarskoe-Selo, where, in view of the resolution of the government to put its foot down on the strike, a regular campaign is being conducted with the purpose of firing the loyalty of the guard regiments. Each day a regiment from St. Petersburg is reviewed and addressed by the emperor, and with much ceremony of enthusiasm from the soldiers. Monday the Malovskii regiment will go to Tarskoe-Selo.

M. Nomesheff, minister of communications, has issued orders to the chiefs of all railroads not to recognize

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY IN RIOT-RIDDEN RIGA



THE WRECK OF A WAREHOUSE BY THE INCENDIARIES

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GRENADIERS
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THREATENS TO FIRE ON THEM

The organizations of railroad men, particularly cautioning them not to allow the passage of orders of the leaders of the organizations who heretofore have been using railroad telegraph lines to transmit their instructions.

A Desperate Moment.

The government has chosen a desperate moment to crush the proletariat movement. It is fighting for its life in the Baltic region, where a revolt is admitted to be in full blast with almost practical certainty that if it cannot be crushed, its flames will spread to Poland. The native population of the ancient kingdom of Lithuania is made up of hardy and headstrong people, who having raised the banner of revolt, will fight to the bitter end. At Moscow the government is confronted with a mutiny of troops so serious that it has been obliged to send a regiment of cavalry from St. Petersburg to aid in the suppression of the mutiny.

The government today succeeded in re-establishing cable communication abroad, but it is utterly unable to guarantee how long it will be able to keep the cables in operation.

Petitions from the nobility of Riga, Vilna, Libau and other places in the Baltic provinces have been received by the government imploring it to abolish martial law, which the petitions say is only inflicting the situation. The editors of the Signal and several other satirical papers of mushroom growth, which have been printing the most outrageous cartoons of imperial personages, have been arrested, charged with lese majeste.

GOVERNORS EMPOWERED TO
PROCLAIM MARTIAL LAW

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—An imperial ukase issued today, empowers all the governors general and municipal authorities in the event of railway, postal or telegraphic communication being interfered with, to proclaim modified martial law. Martial law may be ended only by the order of the minister of the interior of St. Petersburg.

The government has issued a communication stating that it considers the demands and complaints of the railway employees to a large extent justified, and that the minister of ways and communications is therefore drafting measures for the amelioration of those conditions. In view of the extra expenditure that necessarily will be entailed thereby, the communication says, all these reforms cannot be carried out simultaneously, but the minister of ways and communications is devoting his attention to the most pressing among them, and the council of ministers has sanctioned the inclusion of \$7,500,000 in the year 1906 budget estimates, to meet the extra expenditures under these measures.

GRENADIER MEETING HAS
IGNOMINIOUSLY COLLAPSED

Moscow, Dec. 17.—The mutiny of the Rostoff Grenadier regiment collapsed ignominiously tonight owing to a large portion of the soldiers with the program of the socialist leaders, who wished to force them into open collision with the loyal troops.

After a meeting late this afternoon, two battalions and a machine gun detachment deserted. The mutineers sent a delegation to General Plavoffski, saying they had returned to duty, imploring his pardon and volunteering to enter the barracks and seize the revolutionary committee so as to prove their repentance.

The ring-leaders endeavored in vain to hold the other two battalions in line, but the defection of their comrades took all the heart out of the mutineers.

Upon General Plavoffski's ultimatum that he would open fire unless they immediately surrendered, the remaining mutineers laid down their

Moscow Malcontents
Train Machine Guns
Upon Loyal Troops"Break Down the Tyranny of Your
Commanders" Is Ringing Appeal.

arms and delivered up Private Schaboff, and other members of the revolutionary committee, as well as several civilian agitators who were in the barracks. The officers then resumed command of the regiment.

It is expected that other disaffected regiments will return to duty.

EVERY APPEAL TO THE
TROOPS TO MUTINY

Moscow, Dec. 17.—(By telegraph to St. Petersburg.)—There is intense alarm along the population here over the news from St. Petersburg of the mutiny of the Rostoff Grenadier regiment.

Troops of the garrison are in open mutiny, and there are fears of a general strike. The division commander, General Plavoffski, who acted as president of the soldiers' meeting, in the windows of the barracks machine guns are aiming the Sumsyash regiment and other loyal troops which surround the mutineers.

Three other grenadier regiments, the Ekaterinsky, the Taurid and the Novich, and the artillery garrison are in full sympathy with their Rostoff comrades and have compelled all their officers to leave the barracks and have selected representatives who are in communication with the mutineers.

The loyal troops are practically confined to the Cossacks. The mutineers have formally presented to General Plavoffski the division commander a series of demands principally relating to service, but including also social reforms, and they have issued an appeal to the soldiers of the garrison to join in the fight for improved conditions. Accompanying the demands is an ultimatum that if they are not granted by Tuesday next, the mutineers will march out to the streets and parade in the city. General Plavoffski has promised to present the resolutions to his superior officers.

The text of the appeal issued by the mutineers is as follows:

Mutineers' Ringing Appeal.

"All Russia has risen against the government, which involved the country in a useless war and on the verge of ruin. We soldiers are firmly determined to break down the tyranny of our commanders and to compel reform in the army. Now is the time for all soldiers to awake. Comrades, call to arms! We will march out to the streets and parade in the city. We will demand for all soldiers a free people, a free army."

The inclusion in the appeal of the motto of the socialists, "All for one and one for all," shows that it was prepared under supervision of the socialist committee or by socialists inside the barracks of the Rostoff grenadiers.

Colonel Semanovski of the Grenadiers, overcome by shame, sent his sword to the emperor and resigned. It is reported he committed suicide.

The formal demands of the soldiers include amnesty for all participants in the mutiny, freedom of soldiers' meetings, abolition of death penalties, reduction of service to two years, abolition of military courts, exemption of reservists and their families from payment of taxes, increased pay and the return of the army from Manchuria. There was a serious affair in the Stretenka boulevard, in the center of

the city, last night. A squadron of Cossacks fired a band of revolutionaries, killing or wounding a dozen persons. The revolutionaries killed two Cossacks.

HEAVY PENALTIES ARE
PROVIDED FOR STRIKERS

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—The emperor has sanctioned the following anti-strike measures elaborated by the council of ministers:

Persons who incite others to strike, employees of the railways and telegraphs who go on strike, or who threaten to compel others to strike may be imprisoned for any period up to sixteen months. Persons holding membership in associations which aim to foment strikes may be imprisoned in a fortress for any period from sixteen months to four years, with loss of certain civil rights.

Wages will not be paid during any period when work has been arbitrarily stopped.

Employees whose health has been injured by the acts of strikers will be compensated. If they should be actively disabled they will be pensioned, and if they should be killed or die of their injuries their families will be provided for.

North Arizona "Feminist."

Prescott, Ariz., Dec. 17.—At the close of the annual banquet of the Northern Arizona Bar association a strong resolution was unanimously adopted declaring its unalterable opposition to the joint stock bill.

Costly Furs Destroyed.

New York, Dec. 17.—Two hundred thousand dollars worth of furs were destroyed by fire this morning in the establishment of Max Plamecki & Co., wholesale furriers and manufacturers of automobile garments. Other tenants in the building suffered heavy damage from water.

DESTITUTE
OF LONDON IN
PROCESSIONPathetic Demonstration at
St. Paul's Cathedral.THREE THOUSAND HOPELESS
BEGGARS SING MARSEILLAISERemarkable Scene Has Not Been
Equalled in England in Past
Twenty Years.

London, Dec. 17.—London's unemployed made a demonstration at St. Paul's Cathedral this afternoon in a half-hearted, hopeless and unusual manner. Only a few hundred of them with appropriate banners went in the procession from Trafalgar square to the cathedral where they arrived during the progress of the service and up the steps of which they marched, singing the "Marseillaise."

Here the motley crowd was joined by contingents from other quarters, and all to the number of some three thousand, began filing into the cathedral silently and respectfully, making an inconspicuous picture in contrast with the fashionably dressed worshippers. Such a scene has not been witnessed at St. Paul's since twenty years ago when John Burns, now president of the local government board, led a similar demonstration to the cathedral.

Although the preacher made sympathetic references to the problem of the unemployed, the men became tired long before the service ended and most of them filed out. Some of the leaders delivered addresses from the steps and the demonstration was quietly dispersed.

Break for Liberty.

Boon, Nev., Dec. 17.—A desperate break was made yesterday from the city chain gang, in which five of the criminal element of the city succeeded in making their escape. The break was led by Albert Nadon, a 13-year-old French lad, who was given a five-year sentence Monday for fighting, an account of which was published in the local papers.

The break occurred about noon. The men were engaged in digging a sewer for the city, and while the guard's back was turned Young Nadon dropped his shovel and started to run. The guard started in pursuit. This was a signal for a general departure on the part of the others, and they fled in all directions. Many shots were fired by the guard and police, but without effect.

Young Nadon was captured late in the afternoon by some university students who are now in the city jail. Five of the escapees have not been found, and it is thought they have succeeded in getting out of the state.

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